

Dear Energy Committee,

The 2 bills introduced this year about a Shared Solar program (House Bill 5427 and Senate Bill 334) do not fix the problem, they only tweak the unnecessary pilot. The pilot program has no purpose; we need an actual shared solar program in CT.

I am one of the 4 in 5 CT residents who cannot have solar because the home I own is shaded. Connecticut needs a full scale shared solar program as soon as possible. We need to maximize green energy! Waiting another two years for a program which will dramatically multiply the amount of solar is just not acceptable.

We know how to do this. Over 10 states now have programs in place. The CT Academy of Science and Engineering (CASE) wrote a 112 page report for the legislature explaining exactly how to do this. The pilot program is nothing more than a two year delay which makes the electric distribution companies (Eversource and UI) happy. This decision has led Connecticut to lag even further behind other states with successful shared solar programs, such as Massachusetts. Clean energy investors are putting their money into these states while Connecticut falls behind.

We need a shared solar program ASAP!

Thank you,  
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